GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:327
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ADOLESCENT MOTHERHOOD
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of children below 15 years who attained motherhood during the last three years;

(b) the number of such mothers as per the last census of 2001 and the number out of them married; and

(c) the remedial measures taken/proposed to be taken to prevent such motherhood?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a)to(c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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(a)&(b) Information on the number of children below 15 years who attained motherhood during the last 3 years is not available. However, a statement showing State wise number of ever-married mothers of age below 15 years as per Census 2001, Office of Registrar General of India, is annexed.

(c) To effectively prevent such motherhood, following remedial measures have been taken by the Government:

i) The Child Marriage (Restraint) Act, 1929, is already in vogue. However, the proposal for the amendments of the Act is presently under consideration of the Department related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel Public Grievances, Law and Justice.

ii) Under the Reproductive and Child Health Programme (RCH) taken up by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, efforts are being made to address the health needs of adolescents.

iii) Increasing awareness about availability of and access to contraceptive services including emergency contraceptive services.

iv) To enhance the awareness among the masses with regard to the right age of marriage a media campaign/activities are being conducted by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

v) The Department of Woman and Child Development has initiated the `Kishori Shakti Yojana` in selected blocks of the country. Specialised counseling and dissemination of IEC materials have been taken up to create awareness about the adverse consequences of early teenage conception.

Besides above, the Government of India has recently launched the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), which seeks to provide quality health care to all sections of the people in the rural areas of the country, including the adolescents.

ANNEXURE

Number of ever-married mothers of age Below 15 years

	India/State/UT	Census of India 2001
	India	296790
1	Andhra Pradesh	12848
2	Arunachal Pradesh	267
3	Assam	7045
4	Bihar	31665
5	Chattisgarh	4060
6	Goa	127
7	Gujarat	12300
8	Haryana	7605
9	Himachal Pradesh	1280
10	Jammu& Kashmir	5159
11	Jharkhand	5713

12	Karnataka	11822
13	Kerala	3504
14	Madhya Pradesh	16211
15	Maharashtra	15672
16	Manipur	349
17	Meghalaya	458
18	Mizoram	115
19	Nagaland	464
20	Orissa	8565
21	Punjab	8387
22	Rajasthan	21156
23	Sikkim	129
24	Tamil Nadu	15896
25	Tripura	728
26	UT of Andaman and Nicobar	74
27	UT of D and N Haveli	19
28	UT of Daman & Diu	18
29	UT of Delhi	2348
30	UT of Lakshadweep	4
31	UT of Pondicherry	112
32	UT. of Chandigarh	213
33	Uttar Pradesh	73408
34	Uttaranchal	1987
35	West Bengal	27082